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SUBJECT: EA/PRCM WEEKLY STATUS REPORT

### 1. FACILITATED CODEL (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE)

THE CODEL DEPARTS WASHINGTON JANUARY 2 AND ARRIVES IN SHANGHAI JANUARY 4 BUT WE ARE STILL UNCERTAIN OF ITS COMPOSITION. AT PRESENT, SENATORS CRANSTON, MATHIAS, ABOUREZK, LUGAR AND HART AND CONGRESSMEN WHALEN, WEAVER, NEAL, RICHMOND, AND SOLARZ ARE THE DELEGATION MEMBERS, ALTHOUGH HART IS NOT COMPLETELY LOCKED IN. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE AIR FORCE, THE WHITE HOUSE, PRCLO, A, AND H ON THE ARRANGEMENTS AND ARE ALSO CONTINUING INDIVIDUAL BRIEF-  
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INGS FOR THE CODEL MEMBERS AS THEIR SCHEDULES PERMIT. HERB HOROWITZ, WHO WILL BE THE PRINCIPAL SUBSTANTIVE ESCORT FOR THE CODEL, IS PARTICIPATING IN ALL BRIEFINGS.

### 2. DOE-HOSTED PETROLEUM DELEGATION (CONFIDENTIAL)

WE HAVE BEEN SOMEWHAT CONCERNED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF

ENERGY (DOE) HAS NOT FULLY GRASPED THE HIGH-LEVEL NATURE OF THE GROUP THEY ARE HOSTING. ON TUESDAY, MIKE OKSENBERG, BILL CLARKE OF COMMERCE, AND GALEN FOX, WENT OVER TO DOE

TO IMPRESS THIS POINT UPON THEM. AS A RESULT, DOE HAS AGREED THAT A DOE OFFICIAL OF DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY RANK WILL BE WITH THE PRC DELEGATION. ALSO THE PRINCIPAL DOE DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WALT MCDONALD, WILL BE WITH THE DELEGATION JANUARY 17-18 WHEN THEY VISIT OIL RIGS OFF NEW ORLEANS. WE ARE CONSIDERING THE ADVISABILITY OF BILL CLARKE AND GALEN FOX TAKING TURNS IN HELPING ESCORT THE GROUP. SCHLESINGER'S GUEST LIST FOR THE JANUARY 6 BANQUET HE IS GIVING THE GROUP IN OUR EIGHTH FLOOR RECEPTION AREA IS BEING EXPANDED TO INCLUDE LEADING CONGRESSIONAL FIGURES.

3. GENERAL ELECTRIC AND THE PRC (CONFIDENTIAL)

JAMES BIRLE, GENERAL ELECTRIC'S NEW VICE PRESIDENT FOR THE FAR EAST, CALLED ON ME DECEMBER 21 SHORTLY AFTER MEETING WITH PRCLO, TO DISCUSS HIS FIRM'S RECENT DEALINGS WITH THE CHINESE. GE HAS FAILED TO GET ITS PERSONNEL TO THE LAST THREE CANTON TRADE FAIRS, EVER SINCE THE CHINESE FOUND A GE EXECUTIVE LISTED AS A BOARD MEMBER OF THE US-REPUBLIC OF CHINA ECONOMIC COUNCIL (USROCEC). BIRLE DECIDED THAT RATHER THAN DOWNGRADE GE'S RELATIONSHIP WITH

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USROCEC (AS WESTINGHOUSE, FOR EXAMPLE, HAS DONE WITH SUCCESS), HE WOULD SIMPLY GO BACK TO THE CHINESE WITH AN OFFER TO BUY FROM THEM, AND ARRANGE TECHNICAL SEMINARS FOR THEM. THE RESPONSE HE GOT FROM PRCLO ECONOMIC OFFICIALS WAS TENTATIVELY ENCOURAGING: THEY SAID SOME BUSINESS MIGHT BE POSSIBLE, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS, FAILED TO CONDEMN GE'S ROLE ON USROCEC. WE WILL BE WATCHING FOR FURTHER, MORE DEFINITE SIGNS THAT GE'S RELATIONSHIP TO USROCEC IS NOW BEING IGNORED BY THE PRC.

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